



FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] Washington, October 8.

Minister Wu pleads little, if any, reliance upon the reports that the Chinese are forming for the destruction of the foreigners. Of course, he said, there are small uprisings in the disturbed districts, and small bodies of Chinese troops are no doubt seen from time to time. The minister said he believed the stories to be the invention of the commanders of the foreign armies in Peking, to give them an excuse for retaining their forces at that place.

The minister this morning informed the State department officials that the Emperor Dowager and the Court left Taitymen, in the Province of Shan Si. The minister last night received a cablegram from the viceroys of the southern provinces acquainting him with the whereabouts of the Court.

This morning the minister said that, while the court was about 600 miles from Peking, having moved about 300 miles southwest from Tientsin, which is 800 miles southwest from Peking, communication with the court will be open. On the face of this intelligence it would appear as if the latest news of the present whereabouts of the Emperor Dowager and the Emperor would have a salutary effect upon the peace negotiations. The effect will be quite to the contrary, however.

Shan Si, the province which the court has just left, is a hot bed of boxers. The viceroys of that province, Yu, has just been impeached for assisting the boxers in the recent uprising. He gave them shelter and destroyed all telegraphic communication. A fearful famine is also reported in Shan Si province, and that had a great deal to do with the court's departure. Singan or Sian, in the province of Shan Si, is the seat of the ancient government. The telegraphic communication with this point at Peking, according to the minister, have not been interrupted and he thinks that now, as the court will be in easy communication with Peking, negotiations for peace will advance rapidly.

It is rumored at the War Department that General Tung Fuh Siang, who may be named by the foreign ministers as one of those alleged to be responsible for the attacks upon foreigners in Chili and Siam, is collecting a large Chinese army of 200,000 men in the neighborhood of Singan, to which place the imperial court is about to be removed, and that Ying Nieh, who was cashiered at the same time that Prince Tuan was degraded, has been re-appointed to a high office, and it is said that the Chinese government has issued secret orders throughout the province that preparations be made to receive hostilities on the foreigners.

The evident determination of the Chinese Court not to return to Peking while the foreign troops remain there, and the refusal of the State department on the viceroys of Hankow and Wu-chang, is disappointing to the State department here and Minister Wu was so informed. The department is inclined to blame the Emperor Dowager for the indisposition manifested to accept the guarantees that have been offered at the instance of this government and will again urge their return to Peking. It is admitted at the State department that the alarming dispatches from Shanghai indicating that trouble is brewing in the southern provinces of China, have some basis in fact. Similar reports have been received from the consuls and Gen. Lung Fuh Siang is known to be fomenting disturbances. It is also admitted that this man is on the list of those whose punishment will be demanded by the powers, and that he will need the army which he is said to be collecting to protect himself from the foreigners. It is the opinion of the State department that unless the peace negotiations are rapidly opened and something be done to strengthen the hands of the southern viceroys who have up to now been successful in repressing outbreaks that it will be impossible much longer to restrain the disorderly elements. It is for this reason that this government is urging so strongly the policy of beginning peace negotiations at once, in the hope that the Chinese government, being assured of the safety of the dynasty and the integrity of the empire, may join with the southern viceroys in the work of suppressing disorder throughout the country.

The U. S. Supreme Court met at noon today. No business was transacted, with the exception of swearing in of several new members of the bar. The regular call of the docket will begin tomorrow. In the absence of the President from the city the judges waived the impressive ceremony of calling in a body at the White House to pay their respects to the Chief Executive, immediately following the court's adjournment.

Lieut. H. H. Caldwell, United States Navy, who has been performing duty as secretary to Admiral Dewey, is by today's orders assigned to the command of the submarine torpedo boat Holland.

At the brokers' offices here today work was quiet as strong, wheat as usual, cotton strong and pork steady. Among the callers at democratic headquarters today were citizens of New Jersey, Maryland and West Virginia and democratic speakers who have been campaigning in those States, and they all unite in saying that all those States are just as safe for Bryan as Georgia, which has just given the State democratic ticket there fifty thousand majority.

From the reports of the Secretaries of War and Navy printed today the expenses of those two branches of the government's service next year, even if peace prevails, will be over two hundred million dollars. But what's the odds, so long as the trust administration is re-elected and the people are willing to pay the heavy taxes that are imposed upon their necessities?

At republican headquarters here it is said that McKinley will carry New York by one hundred thousand majority, though Mr. Croker, who knows certainly as much if not more than any other man in that State about its political condition, has wagered a hundred thousand dollars that it will go democratic. The impression among intelligent people of both parties here is that nobody knows or can possibly know anything about the result of next month's election, but that the fight is between the rich and the poor, the victor will be the latter, unless they sell their votes as bucksters do herring.

At democratic headquarters here today it is stated that a democratic majority in the will that number be a net gain of seven than that number has already been secured, while there are no probable losses.

The following changes were made in the fourth-class postoffice in Virginia today:

VIRGINIA NEWS.

At Manassas on Saturday a motion was made by Judge Lipscomb to ban Rev. C. Beahm, who is charged with an assault on a school girl. It was continued until Wednesday.

The new courthouse at Montross, Westmoreland county, is nearing completion, and court will be held in it next term. It is one of the prettiest courthouses in the eastern part of Virginia.

Rev. John Jasper, an aged colored minister, preached his celebrated sermon on "The Sun Do Move" in Richmond yesterday morning before a large audience, including a number of delegates to the American Bankers' Association.

EXTRA SESSION.—A Richmond paper prints interviews with a majority of the members of the General Assembly on the subject of calling an extra session of the legislature to provide for the holding of the constitutional convention. Nearly everyone of them say the date preferred is January 2. Some of the lawmakers state that they were originally opposed to the convention but the people having ordered it, and it being tacitly understood that the present General Assembly should arrange for the convention, they are in favor of the extra session. It is now apparent that if the Governor does not call the extra session the legislators themselves will do so.

The campaign on the constitutional convention will open in this State just as soon as the Presidential election is over. Indeed it is impossible to keep this fight back. It will crop out at every turn. General Walker, the republican nominee for Congress in the Ninth district, is forcing it to the front out there. He is holding the democratic responsible for the policy of disfranchising white illiterates, although the platform of that party expressly declares against such a proposition.

The General, however, is rigging the campaign upon his opponents among these mountaineers. The Ninth district was expected to give the democrats more trouble on this issue than any other part of the State. Congressman Rues, who was a member of the Norfolk convention, fully understood the feeling out there and opposed a convention. Failing to defeat that, Judge Rhea was against making education a test of the right of franchise. He was, however, also defeated in that fight.

It is quite certain that the Governor will call the Legislature in extra session. Far more than a majority of the members favor such a policy. Should an extra session not be called, then it would devolve upon the next Legislature to make the apportionment and fix the time for assembling the constitutional convention. The leaders in the present General Assembly are not willing to surrender to others this important work. It was practically agreed at the last session that there should be an extra session in order that the apportionment should be made by this assembly.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.—Easton, Md., is in a state of great excitement over the murder and suicide committed by William E. Whitby, who shot his wife, Leona Whitby, and himself at Easton Point, a small settlement half a mile from Easton, where the Baltimore steamers land, Saturday afternoon. Whitchy had moved to the place only a short time ago with his wife and four small children. He was an oysterman, and was frequently unemployed. It is said that he came home drunk on Friday night and told his wife that he expected to kill her before dinner time Saturday. He had threatened to kill her before, but Saturday morning she became much alarmed, and went over to a neighbor's house for protection. Whitby came home about noon, and, not finding his wife, went to bring her home. She sat on the steps, and he began to abuse her. Finally he pulled out his pistol and shot her in the back of the head. One of his little girls was standing by, and began to beg for her mother's life. The father, it is said, threatened to kill the child, and she ran away, screaming. Mrs. Whitby rolled off the porch, but Whitby picked her up and placed her on a chair. Then he shot her twice more. The shots attracted several of the neighbors, who seeing them approaching, Whitby put the pistol to his own temple and shot himself. He did not die for half an hour, while his wife survived him that length of time.

BRYAN IS GAINING.—Reports from the centres of campaign activity in many States classed as more or less doubtful in the coming election indicate that the contest is much closer than might be supposed from claims and estimates made by the rival national committees.

In six States—New York, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and Nebraska—substantial gains are reported for Bryan as compared with the vote cast for him in 1896. The democratic nomination is being held in a tight chance in the four States first named, while Kentucky and Nebraska are placed in the democratic column by safe pluralities.

The democratic national committee Saturday decided to push the fight for Bryan more particularly in New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia and Connecticut.

The republican national campaign managers issued a revised statement, crediting McKinley with 300 electoral votes, instead of 266, as heretofore. They arrived at this result by claiming that Nebraska, Colorado, South Dakota, Montana, Utah and Idaho will probably go republican.

ARRESTED.—Clinton Gray, 25 years old, is charged in Washington, charged with the murder of Rezia Oliver, Crampton, former cabinet man twice his age. Crampton, as stated in Saturday's Gazette, was shot by the prisoner near the old storehouse of the Independent Ice Company on the canal bank above Georgetown about noon that day. Both men are natives of Washington county, Md. Crampton found Gray and Crampton walking together and threatened to kill Gray. He then drew a pistol and fired several shots at Crampton, who died of the wounds soon after.

This is the season when mothers are alarmed on account of cramp. It is quickly cured by One Minute Cough Cure, which children like to take.

DIED.—At the residence of her husband, John L. Reese, 930 North Columbus street, Sunday morning, October 7, 1900, of consumption, ELLIE REESE, in the 77th year of her age. Funeral services will be held at St. Mary's Church. (Washington papers please place copy.)

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

The Strike. Scranton, Pa., Oct. 8.—All but one of the important coal companies in this district have now signed the 10 per cent advance agreement. Although the Pennsylvania Coal Co. has not yet posted notice of the 10 per cent offer, President Thorne has declared publicly that his company is ready to grant any concessions which the coal companies will agree upon, and it is likely that the notice will be posted today.

Hazleton, Pa., Oct. 8.—President Mitchell has today issued a call for a delegate convention of the miners to be held at Scranton on Friday Oct. 12th. It is believed inasmuch as the call has been issued that the offer of 10 per cent has been made unanimously by the railroad and independent operators. It is generally expected that work will be resumed in all mines on Monday next. The national officers are unanimous in their declaration for a settlement and will exercise their influence with delegates to accept the offer of the companies. At this time the men are divided on the proposition as to whether it is a victory or not.

Scranton, Pa., Oct. 8.—The news of the call of a convention of miners, issued this morning by President Mitchell, since then he has made marked improvement. Another singular result of the fall is evidenced in Mr. Griesinger's eyesight, which has become remarkably strong. He is 76 years of age and his sight was gradually failing, but he is now able to read fine print without eyeglasses.

A High Fall. New York, Oct. 8.—An unknown man fell from the top of a five story coecent at 313 East 48th street, this morning and struck a skylight roof over the sleeping apartment in the basement of Mrs. Dora Uswold. One of the man's legs went through the roof and scattered bloodstained dust and splintered wood over Mrs. Uswold and her two children, who were asleep in bed. When the police found the man they learned that every bone in his body had been broken. He died instantly. Who he was and how he came to fall, are mysteries.

To Rescue Capt. Shields. Manila, Oct. 8.—Gen. Hare with a battalion of the 1st infantry has started for Marinduque to rescue Capt. Shields and 51 men of the 1st infantry who are supposed to have been captured by the Filipinos there. The first expedition set to the rescue failed to accomplish its purpose. No definite information could be gathered and the expedition returned as it was not believed to be strong enough. Capt. Shields and his men are at Mindoro.

Mr. Stevenson Sick. Worcester, Oct. 8.—Adlai E. Stevenson, who spoke here Saturday, was taken sick last night with a bad attack of catarrh and had to call a physician. The trouble was brought on by a sudden change in the weather. He was to have left this morning for Orville, but was unable to go. If he is better by noon, he will resume his engagements, going to Millersburg and Co-shocott this afternoon.

The Markets. Chicago, Oct. 8.—The market closed as follows: Wheat—Nov 78 1/2, 79 1/2, 80 1/2, 81 1/2, 82 1/2, 83 1/2, 84 1/2, 85 1/2, 86 1/2, 87 1/2, 88 1/2, 89 1/2, 90 1/2, 91 1/2, 92 1/2, 93 1/2, 94 1/2, 95 1/2, 96 1/2, 97 1/2, 98 1/2, 99 1/2, 100 1/2.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES. At Georgetown Ky., the jury in the Yousey trial was completed today. It is made up of eleven democrats and one prohibitionist.

The investigation into the anarchist plot to kill King Humbert was continued at Paterson, N. J., this morning before Commissioner Trimble and Vice Consul Platt of the Italian embassy. There was nothing of a sensational character developed in the proceedings today.

Governor General Wood and his party returned to Havana from their tour of inspection in Cuba today. Governor Wood found a deplorable state of affairs at Sancti Spiritus. Many persons in the vicinity were in the verge of starvation. Immediate relief measures will be taken.

The formal complaint charging forgery it is expected, will be made in court in New York this afternoon, against Albert T. Patrick and Charles F. Witthaus, the attorney and secretary of the late millionaire W. M. Rice. Prof. Witthaus, the chemist, who is testing the viscera of Rice, to ascertain if the dead man was poisoned, said this morning that his report would not be ready for some time.

Ex-Governor Stone, of Missouri, left New York today for Baltimore, where he will speak tonight. Before his departure he declared emphatically that former Senator Arthur P. Gorman had not resigned from the democratic national committee, as reported. He said that Mr. Gorman would spend three days of each week with the committee in New York. Ex-Governor John P. Altgeld, of Illinois, accompanied Ex-Gov. Stone to Baltimore. Altgeld said that out West the waters of the Bryan tide were flowing in the front and back doors.

The Chicago authorities have laid hands on what they believe to be a sensational attempt at insurance swindling. Charges of conspiracy back of which are insinuations of murder, are lodged against three men. Warrants in the case were issued against the following men: Dr. August M. Unger, of F. W. Brown, assistant manager of the Moore & Boland Detective Agency, and the same agency. All three men were arrested. Today they were arraigned and held in \$15,000 bail each. Marie Defenbach, 23 years old, is the deceased principal in the case.

George R. Binschard, former Commissioner of the Joint Traffic Association, who has been ill at his home in New York for several weeks.

SEAHOUSE HOSPITAL'S ROMANCE.

Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 8.—Mrs. Leila Davis, the handsome young nurse in the Atlantic City Hospital, who was wooed and won by J. B. Hillman, a wealthy Englishman, whom she nursed while he was a patient, in the institution, has departed from the city, and it is believed here that the love match was consummated by the wedding at Middletown, Pa., where the groom resides. Matron Kimball, of the hospital, yesterday said that if the wedding had taken place she had not yet received information. Mrs. Davis left the city several days ago and was to be sent for her trunk, but as yet the baggage remains here.

She, however, said that the marriage was anticipated, although there had been a falling out after the first announcement of the engagement, but that she had been told since the misunderstanding had been smoothed over. It was also understood at the hospital that the groom had kept his promise and turned over to his bride the income from royalties on patents amounting to \$12,000 a year. Hillman is a man 40 to 45 years old, medium height and well built. He is connected in an official capacity with a tube and iron manufacturing concern at Middletown. The bride was a widow, probably 20, petite in build and a brunette in complexion.

Fall Cured Paralyzed Man. McConellsburg, Pa., Oct. 8.—Helped from a stroke of paralysis and almost blind for 15 years, Andrew Grisinger, a well-known citizen of Towson, this county, has met with a remarkable experience that may prolong his life. During the temporary absence of his wife the invalid fell from a couch on which he had been daily placed. The force of the fall stunned the paralytic and feeling a peculiar sensation passing through that portion of his body affected he made an effort to rise to his feet. He was rejected to discover that he could partially use his limbs and succeeded in making his way across his room to an outside door, where he attracted Mrs. Grisinger's attention, greatly to her amazement and delight, since then he has made marked improvement. Another singular result of the fall is evidenced in Mr. Grisinger's eyesight, which has become remarkably strong. He is 76 years of age and his sight was gradually failing, but he is now able to read fine print without eyeglasses.

Foreign News. Constantinople, Oct. 8.—The Turkish police have discovered that a plot existed among a Persian sect here known as Babists to kill the Shah of Persia while the latter was visiting the Sultan. Thirty of the sect have been arrested. One of their number was the assassin of the late Shah.

London, Oct. 8.—J. A. Dowie, the Zionist leader, who is seeking to establish his sect in England, addressed a meeting here last night. He said he had come to give London a spanking and that he would wage relentless war against the church of England. He denounced the archbishop of Canterbury as an incompetent. This excited the audience and they began to make interruptions. Dowie said he would not tolerate interruptions and had one man put out. Dowie said that the London churches had refused to allow him the use of their baptismal fonts but that if necessary he would get a bathtub and employ a policeman to guard it.

Constantinople, Oct. 7.—The Sultan has ordered his government to effect a loan of \$10,000,000 if it can be obtained. All salaries are in arrears, and there is open discontent among the officials. Krupp also demands his pay for war material furnished. There is no money with which to pay the American claim.

Paris, Oct. 8.—The United States is the only power which has not applied to the French not regarding China. The others accept its general principles as a basis for action.

London, Oct. 8.—Today's election returns so far from the districts of South Falskirk, Chalmersford and Forfarshire show that two conservatives, one liberal and one nationalist have been elected. The balance of parties at noon was conservatives, 324; opposition, 158.

Paris, Oct. 8.—M. Millerand, minister of commerce and one of the two socialist members of the cabinet, made a speech at Lens last night in which he urged obligatory arbitration in the case of strikes. He said that the system of hired labor could never be more than slavery; that property would one day be common to all, and that time and education would emancipate the proletariat. The ministry said M. Millerand would prosecute this task which was the work of France. The speech, coming from a member of the cabinet, has created a sensation, as it seems to commit the government to a socialist platform.

London, Oct. 8.—Lord Roberts returned to a collision on Saturday night at Kaaristor, on the Durband railroad, in which several persons were killed and many injured. The accident was caused by a mistake in orders. Edwards, the chief of the Boer scouts, has surrendered.

Paris, Oct. 8.—Six hundred and fifty-two thousand persons passed through the gates of the Exposition yesterday. This number breaks the record for attendance.

Mr. Bryan at Salem. Salem, Ill., Oct. 8.—Salem people today went wild over the boy they used to know, William J. Bryan, now the democratic candidate for President, who spent yesterday with relatives on a farm. Today Marion county people took charge of him before daylight. Country people began to arrive and by 7 o'clock this morning the streets were filled with brass bands and howling Bryan sympathizers. Mr. Bryan spoke at the court house to an audience of 4,000 where some years ago he made his first political speech. He simply referred to the graves of his parents and his love for the people of Salem. A large number of McKinley and Roosevelt pictures were being burned and Bryan showed feeling over this fact, saying he believed these people must be honest in the thought that his election would be dangerous to the country to do such a thing, while he was visiting his birthplace. The Altamont Democratic Club banner bore this in-

THE HEART OF LIBERTY SHALL NOT BE PIERCED BY IMPERIALISM'S SWORD.

Richard Croker, the Tammany leader, is out with a statement that he has retired from all corporations. The announcement was made at the democratic club last night, and was brought out by a report that he was in London on the new traction deal of America.

In the last 48 hours there has been no change in the condition of Judge E. J. D. Cross, of Baltimore, who is still with temporary leave from the St. Denis Hotel, New York. His physician said today that his condition was critical.

President McKinley will leave Canton this afternoon for Washington.

St. Andrew's Brotherhood.—For the first time in its history the Brotherhood of St. Andrew of the United States, the most important auxiliary to the Protestant Episcopal Church will assemble in the south this year. It will meet in Richmond in fifteenth annual convention this week beginning Wednesday and concluding with a social service at St. Paul's Church next Sunday night.

Leading men of the church in the country have places in the programme. Among the bishops are Right Rev. C. Hall, D. D., Bishop of Vermont; Right Rev. Robert A. Gibson, D. D., Bishop Coadjutor of Virginia; Right Rev. Henry V. Satterlee, D. D., Bishop of Washington; Right Rev. Charles Palmerston Anderson, D. D., Bishop Coadjutor of Chicago, and Right Rev. Sidney Catlin Partridge, D. D., Bishop of Kyoto, Japan.

U. D. C.—The programme for the sixth annual convention of the Virginia Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, which will be held at Woodstock on Wednesday and Thursday next, is completed, and the ladies of Shenandoah Chapter who will be the hostesses, are busy with their preparation for the meeting. Delegates are expected from upward of 20 chapters throughout the State and a number of business sessions will be held. The delegates will be driven over the scenic Valley turnpike to Mount Jackson, where they will be entertained by the Mount Jackson Daughters. On Thursday they will be the guests of the Veterans of Shenandoah Camp, United Veterans, who will drive with them to the Manassas Mountain opposite Woodstock where an magnificent view can be had of the country.

NEW OCEAN WONDER PLANNED.—A dispatch from London says: I have information from a well-informed source to the effect that a leading firm of ship-builders has plans and specifications all prepared to build the greatest steamship in the world, guaranteed to smash every other ship. The Government agrees to put it on the water, following with the German lines, by a subsidy or other arrangement, as, commercially, the great ocean greyhounds do not pay. I understand that this new steamer subsidy is to be made a prominent subject for debate in the new Parliament. My informant refused to state whether the new boat would use the turbine principle, but he assured me that such could be her speed that the voyage New York would be shortened by at least a day.

UNIFORM DIVORCES.—The three commissioners from Virginia on uniform State laws have approved a bill in relation to divorces which the commissioners from nearly all the other States have agreed to recommend to their legislatures. This bill will be introduced in the Virginia legislature at the next session. It is designed to prevent migratory divorces. The commissioners from Virginia are Hots. J. Alston Cabell, of Richmond; William P. McRae, of Petersburg, and E. W. Saunders, of Rocky Mount. The commissioners will next take up the subject of insurance legislation and will try to agree upon a law that will apply to every State. Much has already been accomplished by the commissioners in having the several States pass a uniform law in regard to negotiable instruments.

A GREAT MERCHANT'S OPINION.—Hardly anybody is ignorant of the fact that the success of John Wasmaker has been due to his personal supervision of every department of his vast establishments. The business opinion of this great merchant, based on a long practical experience, and so well known, will question the truth of the statement with which he is credited in a current paragraph: "Any business firm that can succeed in getting into the public view may readily eclipse another firm of even greater proportions that does not take pains to get to the front in public attention." There is a certain proof that Mr. Wasmaker's first and best means of gaining and holding popular interest.

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